

# DDTP Dedicates New Receiving and Packaging Center

Defense Distribution Depot Tobyhanna (DDTP) dedicated its new Receiving and Packaging Center on July 1, 2002 at a formal ceremony, which was attended by employees of both DDTP and Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD). BG James Pillsbury, Commander, Defense Distribution Center (DDC), joined the dedication that celebrated the hard work and perseverance of the many individuals involved in the renovation of this 40,000 sq. ft. facility, once used for storage of both wholesale and retail material.

"It is truly an impressive accomplishment that DDTP and TYAD, as partners for progress, have made the DDTP Receiving and Packaging Center a reality in such a short period of time," said LTC Dave Rodriguez, USA, DDTP Commander. "The DDTP Receiving and Packaging Center was designed by concentrating on essentials.

"DDTP is relentlessly focused on identifying and removing waste from a value stream," said LTC Rodriguez. "Waste considerations such as decreasing and eliminating injuries, minimizing and eliminating defects, reducing and eliminating inventory overproduction, decreasing wait time, reducing motion, maximizing transportation routes and adequately processing waste were addressed during the planning and execution phases of this project."

"It is now time to enter a new phase in the history of DDTP, one which will allow us to further exploit the intellectual capital that exists at DDTP and TYAD and better prepare us for the challenges of the future," said John Heuberger, DDTP's Deputy Commander.

"This initiative is not only a fine example of the Defense Distribution Center's commitment to on-base customer support to the Army Maintenance Activity at Tobyhanna Army Depot but also to the service members stationed around the world who benefit from the great work performed at DDTP and TYAD," said BG Pillsbury.

Workload analysis, through proper utilization of the Distribution Standard System (DSS), alerted the DDTP workforce to a very important consideration: the main hub of distribution activity at DDTP was located in Building 2. Approximately 78% of active stock was stored there, 77 % of Material Release Orders were issued from there and 58% of all material received at DDTP was placed in that location. Thus, the birth of a process improvement to consolidate the distribution mission functions of receipt, store, package, and issue into one area which would remove waste from the DDTP distribution value stream.

The concept was shared with TYAD management and the Officers of AFGE Local 1647 at the DDTP-AFGE-TYAD Partnership Council Meeting in early December 2001. In addition to recognizing the efficiencies to be gained by both DDTP and TYAD, the TYAD Management Team also saw this as a promising initiative for increasing maintenance capacity since DDTP intended to perform the functions under consideration in 40,000 sq. ft. of space where they were currently being performed in 160,000 sq. ft. of space. Excess DDTP warehousing would be turned back to TYAD.

The plan was set in motion in February of this year with the receipt of a combination of repair and minor construction dollars from DLA Headquarters by TYAD.

After an official ribbon cutting ceremony, LTC Rodriguez presented Certificates of Appreciation and Commander's Pins to members of the DDTP and TYAD workforce who played an important role in making the facility happen while BG Pillsbury presented the Defense Distribution Center Commanding General's Coin to members of the DDC, DDTP, and TYAD workforces whose outstanding effort, diligence, and commitment to excellence made the DDTP Receiving and Packaging Center a reality.



(Left to Right-Front) *LTC Dave Rodriguez, USA, DDTP Commander, John McCarthy, DDTP Project Officer, Darren Ruby, Tobyhanna Army Depot (TYAD) Project Engineer, Frank Zardecki, TYAD Deputy Commander (Rear), BG James Pillsbury, USA, DDC Commander, Matt Lawless, TYAD Project Engineer, and CPT Randall Shank, USA, TYAD Project Officer cut the ribbon and open the new DDTP Receiving and Packaging Center.*